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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION TO TUVALU INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

1. WHITE HOUSE WISHES TO EXPAND SIZE OF US DELEGATION TO TUVALU IDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS BEYOND FOUR MEMBERS (AMBASSADOR AND MRS. CONDON, WILLIAM BODDE, LEO NOSER) PRESE;TLY RECOMMENDED BY DEPARTMENT, PLEASE OBTAIN FOLLOWING INFORMATION ASAP:

2. TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION:

CAN SIX MORE SEATS (FOR TOTAL OF TEN SEATS) BE ACQUIRED ON SPECIAL FLIGHT TO AND FROM TUVALU, OR IF NECESSARY, CAN SEPARATE PLANE BE CHARTERED FOR US CONFIDENTIAL

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DELEGATION?

CAN ADDITIONAL DELEGATION MEMBERS BE ACCOMMODATED ON US NAVY SHIP, OR CAN ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS BE FOUND ON ISLAND?

HOW CLOSE IN CAN SHIP ANCHOR, AND WILL ACCESS TO AND FROM

SHIP TO FUNAFUTI PRESENT DIFFICULTIES? DOES SHIP HAVE CAPABILITY TO TRANSPORT DELEGATION MEMBERS TO SHORE FOR EVENING CEREMONIES?
WHAT FLIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM US TO FIJI AND RETURN, AND WHAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR HOTELS AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION IN FIJI?

- 3. WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED, AND BY WHOM? PROVIDE DRESS, HEALTH AND MEDICAL, AND OTHER DETAILS RELEVANT TO FIRST-TIME VISITORS TO TUVALU.
- 4. ESTIMATE OF COSTS. PENDING AVAILABILITY OF ABOVE SERVICES, GIVE COSTS WHERE KNOWN, ESTIMATES OTHERWISE. PLEASE SEND TO EA/PIA ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE PERTINENT, INCLUDING LIST OF TUVALU DIGNITARIES (GOVERNOR GENERAL, PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET, ETC.)
- 5. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING UNTIL EVENT, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING RESPONSE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, CHRISTOPHER

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